

MRS. A. A. PINKSTON.

APRIL 29, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STALLINGS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9141.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9141) granting a pension to Mrs. A. Pinkston, have considered the same and report:

The claimant is the widow of Franklin C. Pinkston, who served as a private in Captain Ashurst's company of Alabama Volunteers in the Creek Indian war. The records of the War Department show that the period of service was from May 11, 1836, to June 7, 1836.

Mrs. Pinkston's claim at the Pension Bureau, under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, was rejected February 15, 1893, on the ground that her husband's service was two days short of time required by that act.

The testimony accompanying the bill shows that the claimant is about 73 years old and in needy circumstances, her entire income from all sources not exceeding \$50 per annum.

She married the soldier September 8, 1842.

There are many precedents for the allowance of pensions in cases where title can not be perfected under the general law because the service was a few days short, and your committee believe that such precedents may safely be followed in this case.

The passage of the bill is recommended with the following amendments:

Correct the claimant's name so as to read "Mrs. A. A. Pinkston."

In line 6, after the word "war," insert "as a private in Captain Ashurst's company of Alabama Volunteers."